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Emergency TOP's for Fire-Damaged Homes For Sites Served by Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems

The Department of Planning & Land Use, Building Division (DPLU) will be issuing emergency temporary occupancy permits (ETOP) for uninhabitable dwellings. The idea is to get people back on properties as soon as possible for security and re-building reasons. DPLU will not be asking for verification of legal dwellings. The permits will have a duration of twelve (12) months. During this time, the property owner will have to sort out any legal issues and obtain a building permit to re-build the dwelling.

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) will try to facilitate the permit processing for ETOP's as much as possible. The following are the only acceptable options for sewage disposal for RV's or mobile homes:

1. Leak proof connection to the existing septic tank for either an RV, travel trailer or mobile home.
2. Confining of sewage at all times to a holding tank that is pumped frequently (to a certified dump station or by a certified septic tank disposal contractor) enough to prevent sewage effluent on the ground surface. This Department will cite effluent on the ground as a violation.

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